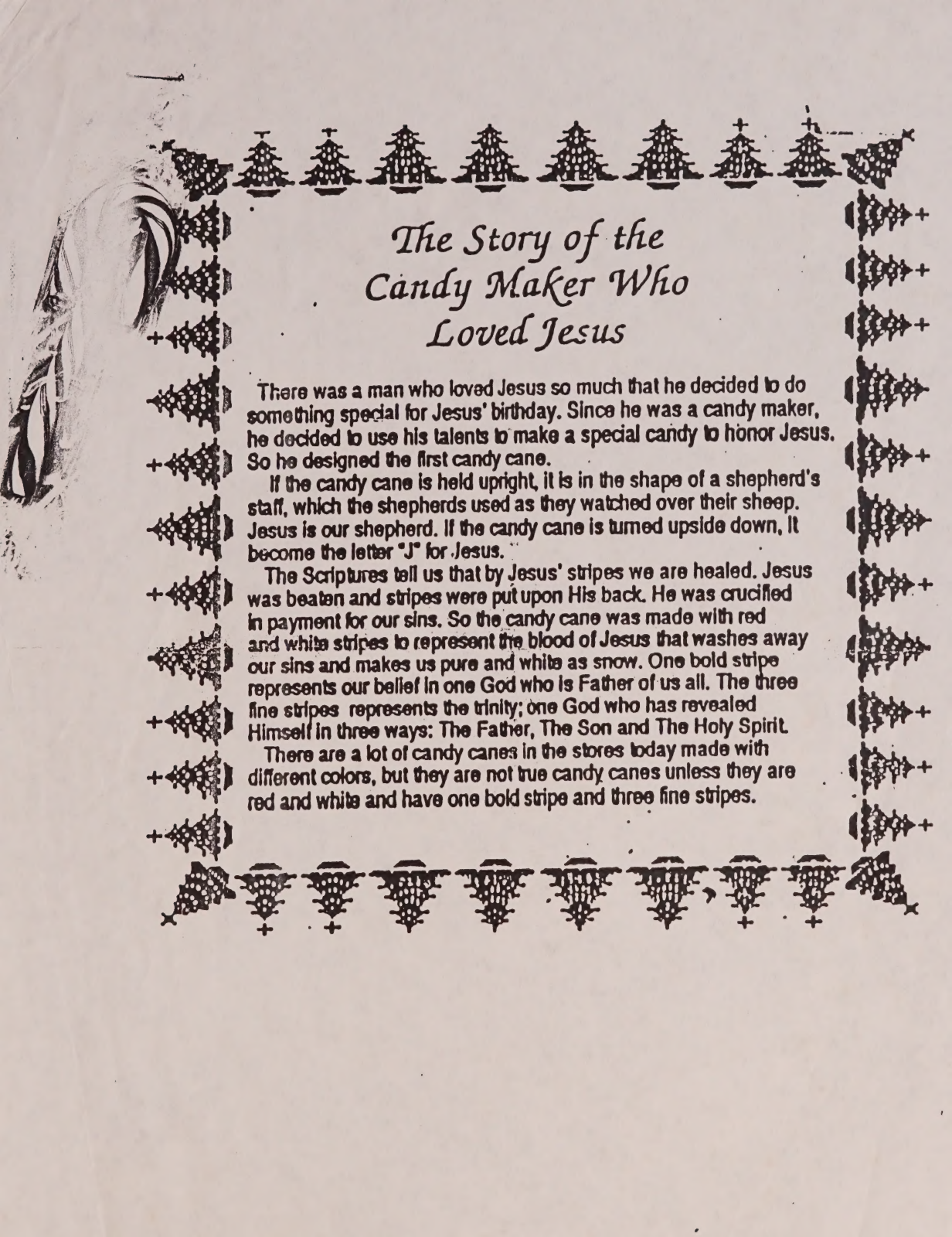




The Story of the Candy Maker Who Loved Jesus

There was a man who loved Jesus so much that he decided to do something special for Jesus' birthday. Since he was a candy maker, he decided to use his talents to make a special candy to honor Jesus. So he designed the first candy cane.

If the candy cane is held upright, it is in the shape of a shepherd's staff, which the shepherds used as they watched over their sheep. Jesus is our shepherd. If the candy cane is turned upside down, it become the letter "J" for Jesus.

The Scriptures tell us that by Jesus' stripes we are healed. Jesus was beaten and stripes were put upon His back. He was crucified in payment for our sins. So the candy cane was made with red and white stripes to represent the blood of Jesus that washes away our sins and makes us pure and white as snow. One bold stripe represents our belief in one God who is Father of us all. The three fine stripes represents the trinity; one God who has revealed Himself in three ways: The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.

There are a lot of candy canes in the stores today made with different colors, but they are not true candy canes unless they are red and white and have one bold stripe and three fine stripes.

